

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 4, 9, 10, 12-15, 18, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 32, 34, 40, 41, and 43-45 as follows.

C27 1. (Currently Amended) A drive transmission apparatus for transmitting a driving force to a member to be driven having a flange member fixed to the member to be driven, comprising:

a first coupling portion;

a second coupling portion having a hole portion which has a cross-sectional configuration larger than said first coupling portion, said hole portion being engageable with said first coupling portion; and

a center shaft ~~being~~ provided on one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion, and said center shaft penetrating the other one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion,

wherein one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion receives the driving force and is integral with the flange member ~~one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion receives the driving force and is fixed to the member to be driven.~~

2. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first coupling portion receives the driving force from said second coupling portion.

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3. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said second coupling portion is movable in an axial direction of said center shaft, and is provided with an urging means for urging said second coupling portion in the axial direction of said center shaft.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said center shaft has a ~~taper~~ tapered configuration at an end portion thereof.

5. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first coupling portion has a twisted projection having a polygonal cross-section.

6. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the hole portion of said second coupling portion has a polygonal cross-section.

7. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein said polygonal hole portion of said second coupling portion is twisted.

8. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said center shaft is rotatable integrally with said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion.

9. (Currently Amended) A drive transmission apparatus comprising:
a first coupling portion;

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a second coupling portion having a hole portion which has a cross-sectional configuration larger than said first coupling portion, said hole portion being engageable with said first coupling portion;

a center shaft being provided on one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion, and said center shaft penetrating the other one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion,

wherein said center shaft is rotatable integrally with said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion; and

a brake ~~means~~ actable on said center shaft in its circumferential direction.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said brake ~~means~~ applies a frictional force to said center shaft.

11. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein the frictional force is applied by an elastic member contactable to said center shaft.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said brake ~~means~~ is a powder-brake.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said brake ~~means~~ is provided with a torque.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said brake

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15. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a photosensitive member;

a flange member fixed to said photosensitive member;

charging means for charging said photosensitive member;

image forming means for forming an electrostatic image on said photosensitive member charged by said charging means;

developing means for developing the electrostatic image;

transferring means for transferring the image developed by said developing means onto a recording material;

a driving source;

a driver positioned and configured to transmit ~~for transmitting~~ a driving force from said driving source to said photosensitive member;

a first coupling portion;

a second coupling portion having a hole portion which has a cross-sectional configuration larger than said first coupling portion, said hole portion being engageable with said first coupling portion; and

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a center shaft provided on one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion, said center shaft penetrating the other one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion,

wherein one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion receives the driving force and is integral with said flange ~~fixed to said photosensitive~~ member, and the other one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion is provided on said driver.

16. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said first coupling portion receives the driving force from said second coupling portion.

17. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said photosensitive member is positioned correctly relative to said image forming apparatus using said center shaft.

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said center shaft has a ~~taper~~ tapered configuration at an end portion thereof.

19. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said first coupling portion has a twisted projection having a polygonal cross-section.

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20. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein the hole portion of said second coupling portion has a polygonal cross-section.

21. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein said polygonal hole portion of said second coupling portion is twisted.

22. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said center shaft is rotatable integrally with said first and second coupling portions.

23. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

- a photosensitive member;
- charging means for charging said photosensitive member;
- image forming means for forming an electrostatic image on said photosensitive member charged by said charging means;
- developing means for developing the electrostatic image;
- transferring means for transferring the image developed by said developing means onto a recording material;
- a driving source;
- a driver configured and positioned to transmit ~~for transmitting~~ a driving force from said driving source to said photosensitive member;
- a first coupling portion;

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a second coupling portion having a hole portion which has a cross-sectional configuration larger than said first coupling portion, said hole portion being engageable with said first coupling portion;

a center shaft provided on one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion, said center shaft penetrating the other one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion,

wherein said photosensitive member has one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion, and said driver has the other one of said first coupling portion and said second coupling portion; and

a brake ~~means~~ actable on said center shaft in its circumferential direction.

24. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said brake ~~means~~ applies a frictional force to said center shaft.

25. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein the frictional force is applied by an elastic member contactable to said center shaft.

26. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said brake ~~means~~ is a powder-brake.

27. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said brake ~~means~~ is provided with a torque.

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28. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said brake means includes magnetic force applying means for applying a magnetic force to said center shaft.

29. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said transferring means includes an intermediary transfer member.

30. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said photosensitive member is a part of a unit including process means actable on said photosensitive member.

31. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 30, wherein said process means includes at least one of said charging means, said developing means and cleaning means for cleaning said photosensitive member.

32. (Currently Amended) A process unit which is detachably mountable to a main assembly of an image forming apparatus having a driving portion, said process unit including process means actable on a photosensitive member, said process unit comprising:

a flange member fixed to the photosensitive member;

a coupling portion which is integral with said flange ~~fixed to the photosensitive~~ member and engageable with the driving portion of the main assembly of the apparatus; and

a hole portion engaged with a center shaft penetrating an engaging portion between said coupling portion and the driving portion.

33. (Previously Amended) A process unit according to Claim 32, wherein said process unit is positioned correctly relative to the image forming apparatus using the center shaft.

34. (Currently Amended) A process unit according to Claim 32, wherein the center shaft has a ~~taper~~ tapered configuration at an end portion thereof.

35. (Previously Amended) A process unit according to Claim 32, wherein said coupling portion has a projection having a polygonal cross-section.

36. (Previously Amended) A process unit according to Claim 35, wherein said polygonal projection is twisted.

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39. (Previously Amended) A process unit according to Claim 32, wherein the center shaft is rotatable integrally with said coupling portion.

40. (Currently Amended) A process unit which is detachably mountable to a main assembly of an image forming apparatus having a driving portion, said process unit including process means actable on a photosensitive member, said process unit comprising:

a coupling portion engageable with the driving portion of the main assembly of the apparatus;

a hole portion engaged with a center shaft penetrating an engaging portion between said coupling portion and the driving portion, wherein the center shaft is rotatable integrally with said coupling portion; and

a brake means actable on the center shaft in its circumferential direction.

41. (Currently Amended) A process unit according to Claim 40, wherein said brake means applies a frictional force to the center shaft.

42. (Previously Amended) A process unit according to Claim 41, wherein the frictional force is applied by an elastic member contactable to the center shaft.

43. (Currently Amended) A process unit according to Claim 40, wherein said brake means is a powder-brake.

44. (Currently Amended) A process unit according to Claim 40, wherein said brake means is provided with a torque.

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45. (Currently Amended) A process unit according to Claim 40, wherein said brake means includes magnetic force applying means for applying a magnetic force to the center shaft.

46. (Previously Amended) A process unit according to Claim 32, further comprising the photosensitive member.

47. (Previously Amended) A process unit according to Claim 46, wherein said coupling portion is provided on said photosensitive member.

48. (Previously Amended) A process unit according to Claim 32, wherein said process means includes at least one of charging means for charging the photosensitive member, developing means for supplying developer to the photosensitive member, and cleaning means for cleaning the photosensitive member.

49. (Previously Added) An apparatus according to Claim 1 or 9, wherein said first coupling portion has a polygonal shape.

50. (Previously Added) An apparatus according to Claim 15 or 23, wherein said first coupling portion has a polygonal shape.

51. (Previously Added) A process unit according to Claim 32 or 40, wherein said coupling portion has a polygonal shape.
